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Early week prices were slightly higher on all sizes in the Midwest, but unchanged in other areas. During the week, Chicago prices were unchanged on mediums and one cent higher on the larger sizes. Elsewhere prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady in the East and ranged steady to instances firm in other areas. Demand into retail outlets was light to good. Supplies were available in the East while other locations were tight to adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate. Demand continued moderate to fairly good. Schedules are full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Light type fowl offerings were generally adequate for the light to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg and food service demand was light to instances good, mostly moderate. Many operators were attempting to build current inventories prior to the Easter holiday rush. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central States breaking stock values were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate as producers continue to hold for higher prices. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-71	66-68
LARGE	62-70	64-68
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to at times available on the heavier weight eggs and instances tight on the smaller sizes. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for generally sufficient offerings. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 14-Mar-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	66.00	65.00	52.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	74.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.11	70.70	55.13

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 17, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
TOTAL		Number of		Percent		Number of		
		Cases		Change		Cooperators		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	21.7	6.2	12.4	12.2	64.2	
	Change	0.9	-2.6	-1.2	-1.9	0.1	-7%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.1	45.7	12.9	26.8	34.6	150.1	
	Change	6.7	-0.3	-1.5	4.1	7.1	12%	
Large	Curr Wk	59.0	86.6	82.6	116.2	119.5	463.9	
	Change	6.3	-4.4	4.7	18.8	19.4	11%	
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	35.4	18.5	19.4	24.1	109.3	
	Change	-1.6	2.0	3.9	-4.8	4.0	3%	
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	7.9	3.2	8.0	4.7	28.6	
	Change	0.5	-1.2	1.5	0.4	1.5	10%	
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	18.6	7.7	25.0	6.6	62.1	
	Change	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	11.9	-1.1	18%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.9	62.2	21.1	35.8	24.8	168.8	
	Change	7.5	9.2	1.3	-2.8	1.6	11%	
Total	Curr Wk	146.6	278.1	152.2	243.6	226.5	1047.0	
Percent	Change	15%	1%	6%	12%	17%	9%	

Shell Egg	1047.0	9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	253.2	-5%	38

Total Shell Egg	1300.2	6%	212
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-18-03	03-11-03	03-19-02
Large	47-51	46-50	53-56
Medium	32-36	31-35	26-30

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Mar-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,119,153	28,986	9,562	5,182	1,823	4,118
PW	1,092,767	27,580	9,310	5,396	2,094	4,029
LY	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
% CHG PW	2	5	3	-4	-13	2
% CHG LY	6	14	-4	-1	8	5
2003	12,258,995	293,678	112,967	62,585	28,023	45,582
2002	12,227,032	278,559	123,252	65,614	30,734	44,769
% CHG YTD	0	5	-8	-5	-9	2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.75	42.38	42.17
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	39.07	38.70	38.45

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 8	Mar 15
	Thousand			
AL	27,920	28,229	21,816	21,479
AR	30,133	29,371	25,491	23,738
DE	*3,539	3,765	*4,688	4,570
FL	*1,620	1,532	*1,798	1,668
GA	*31,646	30,759	*24,378	24,918
KY	*6,555	6,200	*5,204	5,233
MD	10,110	10,053	*5,242	6,260
MS	19,097	18,867	15,579	15,859
NC	18,634	18,588	14,199	14,729
OK	6,465	6,672	3,634	4,458
PA	*3,505	3,592	*2,501	2,373
SC	*4,814	4,842	4,812	4,430
TX	14,750	14,743	11,952	12,373
VA	6,711	6,632	5,854	5,334
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,655	20,472	*17,580	19,974
19 State Total	*206,154	204,317	164,728	167,396
Previous Year Total	209,711	208,001	171,686	172,382
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	96	97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.09 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/13/03-03/19/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 126.00		FUTURE LDS 46.25		TOTAL LDS 172.25	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	50.00	53.00	51.25	52.83	54.94	—
GNR W 3	—	41.00	—	—	—	—
GL W J	—	—	70.50	72.50	59.31	—
GL W XL	61.00	62.57	63.10	65.14	61.62	—
GL W LG	—	62.36	60.50	64.45	60.90	58.00
GL W MD	—	49.00	44.00	45.50	44.50	—
GL W SM	30.75	33.00	31.23	32.58	—	—
GL BR LG	—	—	101.00	—	—	107.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	44.50	44.28
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	37.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-Mar-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.6	21.4	-8	-16
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	1	4
CHICAGO	53.7	54.5	-1	2
DETROIT	28.0	26.0	8	-29
KANSAS CITY	4.1	4.9	-16	-63
LOS ANGELES	86.9	85.4	2	-23
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	11.1	14	-2
NEW YORK	32.1	33.0	-3	-10
ST. LOUIS	17.0	16.1	6	-15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.1	22.4	-1	-3
TOTAL	279.7	278.3	1	-19
4 WK MVG AVG	281.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-2003

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,736	2,757	46	25	4,564
AVG WT	15.88	36.34	25.63	31.97	28.42
LAST WEEK	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
SAME WK YR AGO	1,772	2,620	53	5	4,450
AVG WT	16.32	35.34	22.84	28.86	27.94
TO-DATE/2003	18,454	28,269	638	155	47,516
TO-DATE/2002	18,988	28,664	459	94	48,205

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	BAILED	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-		
N EAST	871	-8	21.92	(A)	876	21.92	
SATL	821	0	28.23	(A)	826	28.23	
N CENT	2,202	6	32.34	(A)	1,207	32.34	
S CENT	322	-29	24.04	(A)	327	24.04	
WEST	323	-12	23.86	(A)	328	23.86	
U.S. TOTAL	4,539 (B)	-3	28.42	25	4,564	28.42	
TO-DATE							
2003	47,361 (B)			155	47,516		
TO-DATE							
2002	48,111 (B)			94	48,205		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000 for the year 638,000; last year to date 459,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,337	1,558	1,356	2,914	425
AVG WT	5.23	3.49	8.18	5.67	6.20
LAST WEEK	151,538	1,465	1,255	2,720	380
SAME WK YR AGO	153,229	1,636	1,363	2,999	522
AVG WT	5.00	3.36	8.07	5.50	6.58
TO-DATE/2003	1,628,803	17,806	14,771	32,577	4,592
TO-DATE/2002	1,679,152	19,530	14,148	33,678	4,847

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.2 million head or 3.3 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-03

	Current Week 03/22/03(1)	Previous Week 03/15/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	151,312(2)	163,649
LT HENS	1,735	1,698
HVY HENS	1,324	1,403
TOTAL	154,371	166,750

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Mar-03 is 155.9 million head compared to 153.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.6 million head or 4.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 29-Mar-03 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
15	153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
22	149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
MARCH 1	150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
YEAR TO DATE	1648.6	1677.2	98%	
MARCH 22		155.9		
29		155.7		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 03/17/03-03/22/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.70	44	57.17	78	
Los Angeles	69.00	67.82	59	67.36	121	
New York	53.00-56.00	54.95	22	57.13	47	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
17-Mar-03	10-Mar-03	10-Mar-03	18-Mar-02	
60.89	-0.23	61.12	55.22	

NUMBER OF LOADS 538

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	03/17/03	2,750	173,968	64,209
AM	03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		-22	-541	-4670
PCT CHG		-1%	0%	-7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-Mar-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.20
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.61

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 14-MAR-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-8	4-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-8	6-8

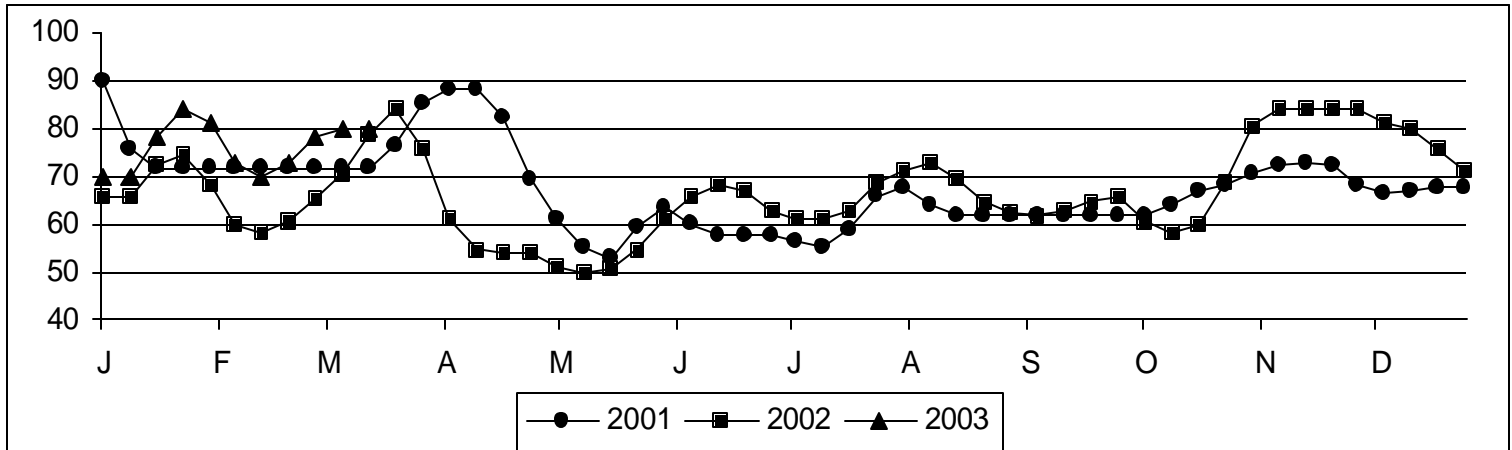
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W/E 15-Mar-03

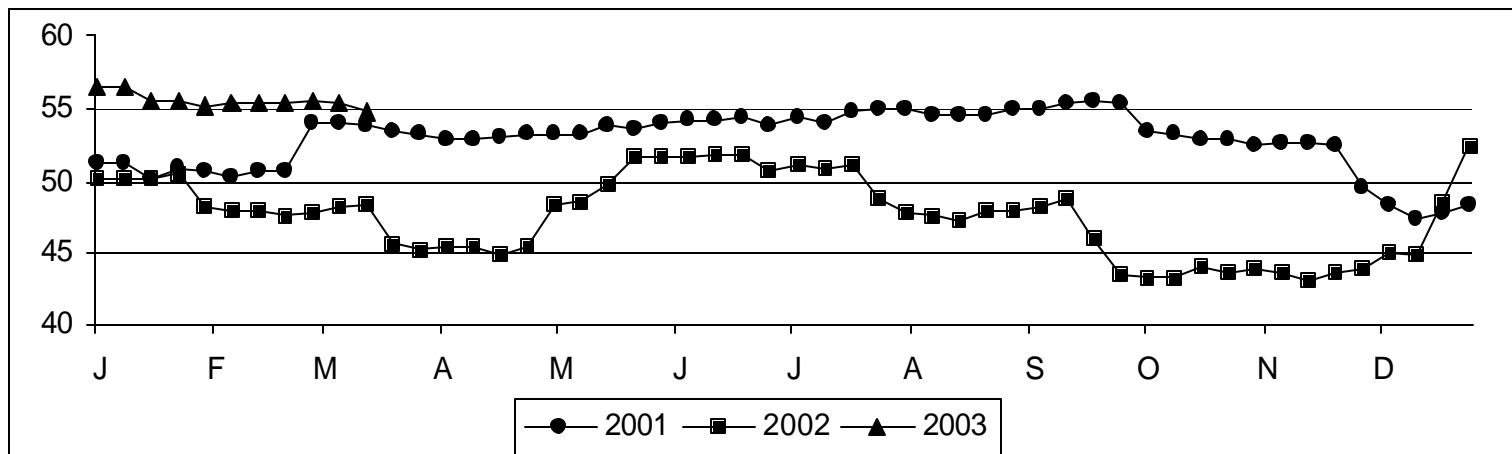
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.5	3	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	575.2	2	2
W.N. CENTRAL	286.2	5	0
S. ATLANTIC	198.0	3	-4
S. CENTRAL	100.2	-1	13
WEST	185.5	2	-9
TOTAL	1569.6	3	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

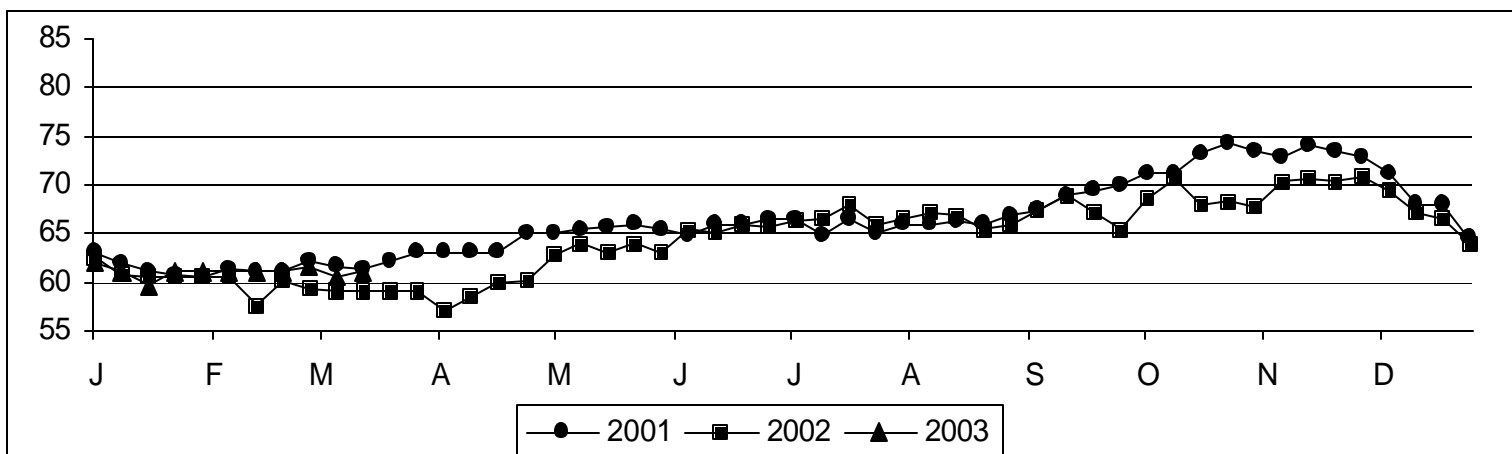
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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